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KYRGYZSTANI OFFICIALS DURING JANUARY - MARCH 2009

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Classified By: SUZANNE MCCORMICK, DIR., INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

[1](#)1. (C) INR/B RELIES HEAVILY ON POST,S REPORTING IN PULLING TOGETHER BIOGRAPHIC REPORTS ON KYRGYZSTANI OFFICIALS FOR USE BY US POLICYMAKERS. DURING A CHAOTIC PERIOD IN KYRGYZSTANI POLITICS, POST HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF REPORTING ON KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES AND ON AN APPARENT SHIFT IN THE GOVERNING TACTICS USED BY THE BAKIYEV REGIME. REFS A-H ARE EXAMPLES OF POST,S EXCELLENT BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING.

[1](#)A. (C) REF A (&KYRGYZ GOVERNMENT CHANGES SEE USENOV RETURN AS CHIEF OF STAFF8) INCLUDED USEFUL INFORMATION ON DANIYAR USENOV,S REPUTATION AS AN OPPONENT OF TRANSPARENCY WHO TENDS TO PROMOTE HIS OWN INTERESTS OVER THOSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

[1](#)B. (C) REF B (&KYRGYZ AMBASSADOR SYDYKOVA URGES IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SAVE MANAS8) NOT ONLY CAPTURED HOW SYDYKOVA CAME ACROSS DURING THE EXCHANGE) &SYDYKOVA VACILLATED THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, AT ONE MOMENT SAYING BAKIYEV HAD MADE UP HIS MIND, WHILE AT THE NEXT SAYING THERE WAS STILL A CHANCE TO CHANGE IT8) BUT ALSO INCLUDED HELPFUL INFORMATION ON SYDYKOVA,S STANDING IN KYRGYZSTANI DECISIONMAKING CIRCLES.

[1](#)C. (C) REF C (&KYRGYZ DEMAND OVER \$2 BILLION TO KEEP MANAS OPEN8) PROVIDED STILL MORE DATA ON CHIEF OF STAFF USENOV,S OPERATING STYLE. INR/B FOUND USENOV,S COMMENTS) FOR EXAMPLE, &SHOW ME THE MONEY8) ILLUSTRATIVE OF HIS MERCENARY TENDENCIES.

[1](#)D. (C) REF D (&FORMER KYRGYZ VICE PRIME MINISTER ON PLANS TO OUST BAKIYEV8) INCLUDED USEFUL LANGUAGE ON ELMIRA IBRAIMOVA,S Demeanor AND OPERATING STYLE) &SOFT-SPOKEN, FIRM, CALM, AND SERIOUS.8

[1](#)E. (C) REF E (&KYRGYZ PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER: BAKIYEV NOW &DESPERATE8 TO GET OUT OF MANAS MESS, HE CREATED8) PROVIDED GOOD BACKGROUND ON MURATBEK IMANALIYEV AND HOW HE VIEWS BAKIYEV AND USENOV.

[1](#)F. (C) REF F (&KYRGYZ PRESIDENT WELCOMES NEGOTIATIONS ON MANAS8) INCLUDED HELPFUL LANGUAGE ON HOW BAKIYEV PRESENTED HIMSELF DURING THE MEETING IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION ON FOREIGN MINISTER KADYRBEK SARBAYEV,S Demeanor.

[1](#)G. (C) REF G (&AMBASSADOR DELIVERS MANAS DISCUSSION POINTS TO KYRGYZ FOREIGN MINISTER8) OFFERED ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE ON HOW SARBAYEV COMES ACROSS IN FACE TO FACE MEETINGS.

[1](#)2. (SBU) INR/B ENCOURAGES POST TO CONTINUE ITS SOLID RECORD OF BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING. MANY THANKS AGAIN, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

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